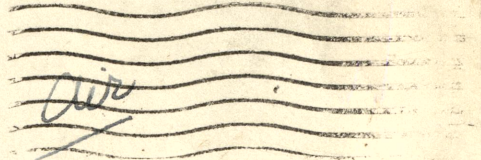
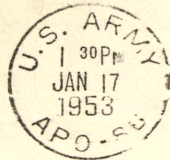


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Cheaning, Michigan

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Was Santa good to you?

Love
Ernie

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